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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6129**  
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SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD,  
AND SUBSTRATE HOLDING APPARATUS

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**ELECTION OF INVENTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 27, 2007, Applicants in the above-referenced application hereby elect the invention of Group 1 corresponding to claims 1-18 and 28-30.

Should the Examiner require anything further at this point in the prosecution, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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